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SUMMARY: MOBUTU REITERATES STAND AGAINST SOVIET INFERFERENCE IN ANGOLA. OFFICIAL NEWAGENCY (AZAP) SCORES CONGOLESE COOPERATION WITH SOVIETS, AFFIRMS ZAIRE'S DETERMINATION TO RESIST SOVIETIZATION OF ZAIRE, ANGOLA AND AFRICA. END SUMMARY.

1. PRESIDENT MOBUTU ON NOVEMBER 5 SUMMONED AZAP DELEGUE GENERAL, AND GAVE HIM FOLLOWING DECLARATION:

2. "IN THE FACE OF THE STORM WHICH THREATENS THE AFRICAN TERRITORY OF ANGOLA ON THE EVE OF ITS INDEPENDENCE, HISTORY WILL MARK, AMONG OTHERS, THE FOLLOWING FOUR MAJOR POINTS:
A) THE FIRST SHOT FIRED IN THE WAR OF LIBERATION OF ANGOLA AGAINST PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM WAS FROM ZAIRIAN TERRITORY. NEVER DID THE SOVIET UNION- WHICH NW USES THE MPLA AS A SCREEN TO IMPLANT ITSELF IN ANGOLA - SUPPLY THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS THERE
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WITH A SINGLE RIFLE OR A SINGLE CARTRIDGE, SIMPLY BECAUSE THE

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WAR WAS DIRECTED AGINST WHITES. CURIOUSLY, TODAY THE SOVIET
UNION HAS INTRODUCED MASSIVE QUANTITIES OF THE MOST SOPHISTICATED
WEAPONS IN THE PORTUGUESE COLONY, I.E. ARMORED CARS, 122MM
MISSILES AND LAUNCHING RAMPS, THUS INTENSIFYING THE FRATRICIDAL
WAR BETWEEN THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. THIS DISGUISED FORM OF
SOVIET RACISM SHOULD BE DENOUNCED BY ALL COUNTRIES DEDICATED
TO PEACE AND LIBERTY.
B) THE SOVIET MEORANDUM TO OAU PRESIDENT AMIN CONSTITUES,
NEITHER MORE NOR LESS THAN A SLAP AT AFRICA. AFRICA MUST FACE
UP TO ITS REPONSIBILITY, AND REPLY.
C) NO COUNTRY IN THE WORLD, EVEN THE SOVIET UNION, HAS DONE AS
MUCH FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA AS ZAIRE. THE ZAIRIAN POPULATION
ALONG THE BORDER SUFFERED BECAUSE OF THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH
THE ANGOLAN CAUSE. THEY RECEIVED ANS SUPPORTED MORE THAN A
MILLION AND A HALF IMPROVERISHED ANGOLAN REFUGEES.
D) ZAIRE'S IMAGE IN THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE WILL NEVER BE
DESTROYED BY THE ORCHESTRATED PROGPAGANDA OF THE USSR AND THE
MPLA. ALL OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WHICH HAVE WON THEIR
FREEDOM - AS WELL AS THOSE STILL ENGAGED IN THE STRUGGLE, WILL
COFIRM THAT MILITARILY AND FINANCIALLY ZAIRE HAS NEVER
CEASED TO SUPPORT THEM. GUINEA BISSAU AND MOZAMBIQUE, ALREADY
LIBERATED, STAND AS INDISPUTABLE PROOFS OF THE ZAIRIAN CONTRIBUTION.
AS FOR THOSE STILL STRUGGLING TO RECOVER THEIR FREEDOM, I.E.
ANGOLA, NAMBIA, ZIMBABWE AND EVEN SOUTH AFRICA, WE LEAVE IT TO
THE LEADERS OF THESE RESPECTIVE TERRITORIES TO ANSWER THE
SPITEFUL AND DISHONEST CHARGES WHICH THE USSR AND THE MPLA ARE
BRINGING AGAINST US. ZAIRE HAS NO NEED OF PROGAGANDA, FOR ITS
CINTRIBUTION AS AN AFRICAN STATE COMES FROM THE HEART. ZAIRE DOES
NOT, LIKE A CERTAIN COUNTRY, TAKE BACK WITH THE IGHT HAND THAT
WHICH IT HAS GIVEN WITH THE LEFT."

3. COMMENTING ON FOREGOING STATEMENT BY MOBUTU, AZAP SAID
USSR CLEARLY NO LONGER ABLE TO CONTAIN ITSELF. HAVING USELESSLY
TRIED TO PICK A QUARREL WITH ZAIRE, WHICH WILL ALWAYS REMAIN
ON SIDE OF NATIVE, TRULY PROGRESSIVE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, THE
SOVIETS ARE NOW DEFYING THE WHOLE OF AFRICA. THE REACTION OF
THE AFRICAN CONTINENT WILL SURELY COME FROM KAMPALA THROUGH
ITS ACTING PRESIDENT, MARSHAL IDI AMIN DADA OF UGANDA FOR
ZAIRE, THE MOMENT HAD COME TO BREAK SILENCE AND SAY WHAT IT
THINKS OF THE SOVIET UNION. THE GUIDE SESE SEKO FOUND
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JUST THE RIGHT WORDS.

4. AZAP AND SALONGO NOVEMBER 6 WERE REPLETE WITH ARTICLES FROM
BELGIAN, CHINESE AND UGANDAN PRESS CONDEMNING SOVIET INTER-
FERENCE IN ANGOLA.

5. AZAP EDITORIAL SAME DAY NOTED INDIGNATION AT SOVIET INTER-
FERENCE, EXPRESSED BY OAU PRESIDENT AMIN FOR AFRICA. SAID

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SIMILAR CONDEMNATION OF SOVIET IMPERIALISM EXPRESSED BY
WESTERN, ASIAN AND AMERICAN PRESS. NOTED THAT, WHILE ENTIRE
WORLD CONDEMNS SOVIETS, ONE CENTRAL AFRICAN NATION, LISTENING TO
"ITS MASTER'S VOICE" HAS TRANSFORMED ITS PORT AND AIRPORTS INTO
VERITABLE ARSENALS OF WAR. CLAIMED 400 SOVIET TECHNICIANS HAVE
DEBARKED FROM SOME "ENTONORU 22", PART OF A VERITABLE
AIR LIFT OPERATING AT PACE OF 8 FLIGHTS PER NIGHT. SAID 300
OTHER CARRIBBEAN AVIATION TECHNICIANS HAVE ARRIVED, WITH AN
ENTIRE FIGHTER SQUANDRON TO ROUND OUT THE "MURDEROUS TEAM OF
THE SOVIET INVADER". CLAIMS THAT, IN TOTAL, 700
MERCENARIES AND 12 MIGS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT IN. WONDERING AT
WHOM THREAT IS AIMED, EDITORIAL POINTS OUT THAT ZAIRE WILL
NOT REMAIN IDLE IN FACE OF THE SOVIET MENANCE. SAID ZAIRE WILL
FIGHT TO FINISH IN ORDER TO PRESERVE ITS INDEPENDENCE AND TO
PREVENT ZAIRE, ANGOLA, AND AFRICA FROM BECOMING RED. EDITORIAL
CONCLUDED ON NOTE OF REGRET THAT "A CERTAIN AFRICAN COUNTRY,
ALREADY RED," SHOULD FACILITATE A BLOOD BATH IN CENTRAL AFRICA
BY SERVING AS A BRIDGEHEAD FOR THE NOTORIOUSLY IMPERIALIST
SOVIET UNION.

6. AS ZAIRIAN PRESS MEDIA CONTINUES TO BUILD UP ITS ANTI-
SOVIET AND CONGO THEME, CONGOLESE RADIO IS ALSO WAGING ANTI-
ZAIRE CAMPAIGN. 1 PM BROADCAST OF RADIO BRAZZAVILLE NOV. 6
ACCUSES ZAIRIAN PRESS AND AFP OF "DOWNRIGHT LIES AND FABRICATIONS".
RADIO POINTS OUT GOZ DENIED FNLA SEIZURE OF CONGOLESE BOAT
(KINSHASA 9636) AND REJECTS CHARGE OF PRESENCE OF CONGOLESE TROOPS
IN CABINDA. COMMENTATOR NOTED THAT CONGOLESE READY TO FIGHT
SIDE BY SIDE WITH MPLA BUT IT WOULD PUBLICLY MAKE KNOWN ITS
DECISION TO SEND TROOPS TO ANGOLA, WHEN AND IF THIS OCCURED.
RADIO BRAZZAVILLE FURTHER DENOUNCED ODIOUS ALLIANCE
EXISTING BWTWEEN "AFRICAN REACTIONARY FORCES AND SOUTH AFRICANS"
IN SUBJUGATING ANGOLANS. ANGOLA IT SAID, IS FOR ANGOLANS,
CHARGE OF CONGOLESE PRESENCE IS MERELY PRETEXT TO MOUNT
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INVASION OF ANGOLA FROM OUTSIDE. FINALLY RADIO DENIED
LOBITO AND BENGUELA HAVE ACTUALLY FALLEN, BUT THAT SERIOUS FIGHTING
GOING ON.
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